



# MARYLAND Department of Health

## Maryland SHIP Health Action Newsletter

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### Resource: Innovations for Better Health Website



Image: Illustration of a person holding a sign with the image of a glowing lightbulb.

In support of population health improvement in Maryland, the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) has launched the [Innovations for Better Health website](#). The website, endorsed by Maryland's Stakeholder Innovation Group (SIG), offers a glimpse at how Maryland's health care providers and community organizations are working together to improve care delivery. The purpose of this website is to showcase innovative programs and practices to improve the health of all Marylanders. Providers, health departments, community organizations, and the public can use the website to search for programs in their communities, and submit innovative practices to bring attention to the good work across Maryland. The SIG encourages submissions and reviews of programs.

To learn more about this resource, [click here](#).

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### Event: Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) Annual Conference

**Early Bird  
Special!**



Image: Illustration of a bird singing from a branch. Text reads, "Early bird special!"

**Wednesday - Friday, March 27 - 29, 2019**

The SOPHE will soon host their 70th annual conference, and this year's theme will be, "*Elevating Health through the Power of Many*." This conference will ignite continuous improvement and elevation of health for all people through collaboration across health and non-health sectors. Conference subthemes include:

- Translating evidence to practice health education and health promotion in action
- Future of the nation, future of the world
- Achieving health equity and eliminating disparities
- Personal and professional development for health educators
- Emerging issues and discovery of new knowledge in health education and promotion

Early bird registration rates are available until Friday, Dec. 14.

For more information and to register for this conference, [click here](#).

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## **Webinar: Suicide Prevention in the Holiday Season**



Image: Photograph of shining luminaries.

### **Thursday, Dec. 13**

Suicide is a major public health concern that affects people of all ages and backgrounds. Although the idea that suicides occur more frequently during the holiday season is a long perpetuated myth according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the holidays may be a difficult time for individuals, families, and communities. Maryland's Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Network will soon host a webinar on suicide prevention during the holiday season.

For more information and to register for this webinar, [click here](#). If you or someone you know is in crisis, Maryland Crisis Connect is available 24/7. Please call 211 and select option 1, text your zip code to 898-211, or visit [MDCrisisConnect.org](http://MDCrisisConnect.org).

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## **Webinar: Tools that Develop Social and Emotional Skills**



Image: A group of three teenagers talking.

### **Tuesday, Dec. 18**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), alcohol is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in the United States. Excessive drinking is found to be responsible for more than 4,300 deaths among underage youth each year. The American Public Health Association (APHA) will soon host a webinar titled, "*Reducing Underage Drinking with Practical Tools that Develop Social and Emotional Skills*." This webinar will review social and emotional skills, how they are protective for youth, and a project creating practical tools for parents.

For more information and to register for this webinar, [click here](#). Learn more about [alcohol and public health here](#).

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## **Event: Workshop on the Basics of Monitoring and Evaluation**

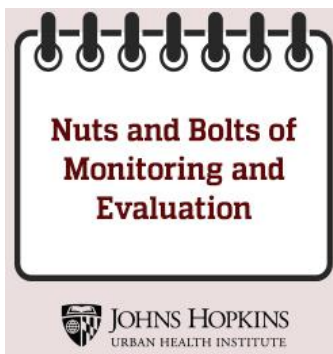


Image: Illustration of a notepad. Text reads, "Nuts and Bolts of Monitoring and Evaluation. Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute."

### Wednesday, Dec. 19

The Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute will soon host a capacity-building workshop titled, "*Nuts and Bolts of Monitoring and Evaluation*." This workshop is designed for community-based organizations interested in developing effective program evaluation skills. During

the workshop, participants will:

- Describe programs from an evaluator's perspective
- Gain knowledge and skills for developing a program logic model
- Understand the different types of evaluations
- Practice using qualitative methods for evaluations

For more information and to register for this event, [click here](#).

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## Funding Opportunity: Health Center Controlled Networks



Image: Illustration of a network connecting different groups.

### Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019

The Health Resources and Services Administration is now accepting proposals for funding for Health Center Controlled Networks (HCCNs). HCCNs are

groups of health centers working together to use health information technology (health IT) to improve operational and clinical practices. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support health centers in leveraging health IT to increase their participation in value-based care.

Proposals are due Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019.

For more information about this opportunity, [click here](#).

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